

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, and 18-22.

All claims, both unchanged and amended, are presented below for the convenience of both the Examiner and the applicant. Such inclusion is not intended to direct the cancellation of all previous versions of any pending claim as per 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3).

1. (Currently Amended) An article for easy identification, classification, and inventory tracking, comprising, a first perception and a second perception for differentiating articles of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface, ~~said article having a plurality of surfaces and said first perception being provided by a first visible identifiable characteristic located on one said end surface and said second perception being provided by a second visible identifiable characteristic located on the other end a second surface, said first visible characteristic visibly different from said second visible characteristic,~~ said article ~~having constructed to have only one perception visible identifiable characteristic viewable when housed~~ stored in a carton with a plurality of similar articles.

2. (Previously Amended) The article according to Claim 1, wherein said article has a first state as an unused article and a second state as a used article, and wherein said first characteristic identifies articles in said first state and said second characteristic identifies articles in said second state.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 1, wherein said first visible ~~identifiable~~ characteristic is a first color and said second visible ~~identifiable~~ characteristic is a second color.

5. (Currently Amended) A plurality of articles each of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface ~~comprising~~, each said article having provided thereon a first perception and a second perception for differentiating said articles ~~provided thereon~~, said articles packaged together in a package having two ends and surrounding said plurality of articles on at least two sides, and wherein said articles are aligned such that said first identifiable characteristics are aligned adjacent to the first end ~~along one side~~ of the package ~~packaging~~ and said second identifiable characteristics are aligned along a second side

of the package packaging, each said article having constructed to ~~have~~ only one identifiable characteristic visible viewable when so packaged housed with a plurality of said articles.

6. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 5, wherein the packaging enclosing ~~encloses~~ said articles has with an exterior surface and wherein a portion of the exterior surface that is proximal to the alignment of said first identifiable characteristics contains a marking.

7. (Currently Amended) An article of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface and comprising a first perception and a second perception, said article having a plurality of surfaces and said first perception being provided by a first identifiable characteristic located on one said end surface and said second perception being provided by a second identifiable characteristic located on another of said end surfaces, said article constructed to have only one identifiable characteristic viewable when housed with a plurality of articles.

8. (Previously Amended) The article according to Claim 7, wherein said first and second perceptions are incorporated into said article during manufacturing of said article.

9. (Previously Amended) The article according to Claim 7, wherein said first and second perceptions are incorporated into said article after the manufacturing of said article.

10. (Previously Amended) The article according to Claim 7, wherein said article further comprises a means for changing said first perception into said second perception when said article changes to a different state.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 1, wherein said article is an elongated fluorescent ~~fluorescent~~ light bulb having two ends and each said end having an end surface thereon.

14. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 13, wherein said first perception is provided by a visible ~~an identifiable~~ characteristic located on one of said end surfaces.

15. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 14,

wherein said first perception is provided by a first visible ~~identifiable~~ characteristic located on one of said end surfaces and said second perception is provided by a second visible ~~identifiable~~ characteristic located on said second end surface.

16. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 1, wherein said first visible ~~identifiable~~ characteristic comprises a symbol.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 7, wherein said article has a plurality of surfaces and wherein said first perception is provided by a distinguishing ~~an identifiable~~ characteristic comprising a shape of one of said surfaces.

19. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 18, wherein the shape of said one of said surfaces ~~surface~~ comprising said distinguishing ~~identifiable~~ characteristic is a topographical change to said surface.

20. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 18, wherein the shape of said one of said surfaces ~~surface~~ comprising said identifiable characteristic is a topography change to the

perimeter of said surface.

21. (Currently Amended) A package of bulk articles, each article of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface and at least one side extending between the end surfaces, and having a plurality of articles arranged therein with end surfaces adjacent, said package comprising;

packaging material surrounding said plurality of articles on at least two sides and having first and second spaced-apart ends;

each said article having constructed and arranged to be identified, as being in a first state, by a first distinguishable characteristic positioned on the first said end surface of said article, and when in the first state and constructed and arranged to be identified as being in a second state, by a second distinguishable characteristic positioned on the second said end surface of said article when in the second state, said articles aligned such that said first characteristic of each said article is aligned along the first end one side of said packaging material and such that each said second characteristic is aligned along the second end a second side of said packaging material, each said article having

~~constructed to have~~ only one distinguishable identifiable characteristic visible viewable when ~~housed with a said~~ plurality of articles is surrounded by the packaging material.

22. (Currently Amended) A group of ~~plurality of grouped~~ articles, each article of the type having an elongate substantially cylindrical shape with a first end surface that is normally the same visually as a second end surface and having at least one side extending between the end surfaces ~~each said article having a first end and a second end~~, said first end surface having a first identifiable characteristic positioned thereon and said second end surface having a second identifiable characteristic positioned thereon and being differentiable from said first identifiable characteristic, said articles arranged having said first end viewable by a user, such that all of said first identifiable characteristics are viewable by the user, each said article constructed to have only one identifiable characteristic viewable when housed with a plurality of articles.